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(917th Civil Engineering Squadron) Top: Tech. Sgt. Larry Griffin, assists Tech. Sgt. Errol Need, with a concrete vibrator used to spread the cement out for an aerospace ground equipment pad

on the Pope AFB, N. C., flightline. Bottom: Senior Airman Barney King II, removes insulation from a pipe in the visiting officers' quarters at Pope AFB, N. C.

Airman 1st Class Shannon K. Collins Public Affairs Apprentice

"Hold this board for me," one airman says to another as he lines the board up with an electric saw. In the background, a hammer pounds and a scratching, scraping noise sets the rhythm. An electric drill revs up and joins the chorus. "Bang, rreeer, ssst," the tools yell in harmony.

This music isn't a Broadway musical but airmen hard at work, renovating a building at Patrick AFB, Fla. Two civil engineer teams from the 917th Wing went in two different directions to work on various base projects. In June, 24 airmen went to Pope Air Force Base, N.C., to

pour cement and renovate four visiting officers' quarters buildings. Fifteen airmen flew south to help the 920th Military Personnel Flight at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.

The Pope crew had much to do. "We were supporting Air Mobility Command and the 43rd Civil Engineer Squadron," said Chief Master Sgt. Russell Wilkinson, 917CES superintendent of operations. "We were supporting those folks in some projects that they had not been able to man. We poured some cement to expand the parking down in the flightline area for Aerospace Ground Equipment and participated in part of the remodel to upgrade some visiting



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Engineers on the road

A message from the Commander

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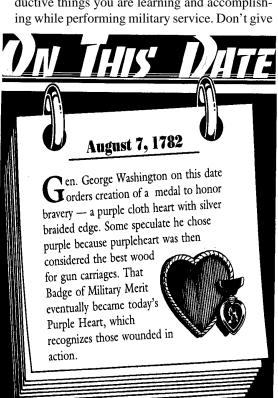


I would like to take a moment this month to re-emphasize the importance of maintaining a great working relationship with your civilian employer. Without that good relationship, your ability to participate in the Reserve will suffer and thus the effectiveness of the Air Force Reserve will be diminished. One of the most important aspects of the Employer-Reservist relationship is good communication.

...thank your employer, and supervisor for their cooperation and let them know their support in arranging schedules to fit your Reserve duty is appreciated by both you and the 917th Wing.

Start by keeping your employer informed about your UTA and annual tour dates as far in advance as possible. This allows your employer to plan for, and cover for your absence. If volunteer opportunities arise for Reserve duty at the last minute, talk it over with your supervisor, and make sure it would not severely affect your company's operations if you committ to the military duty.

Another thing that will enhance your relationship is telling your employer about the productive things you are learning and accomplishing while performing military service. Don't give





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the impression that your Reserve duty is just a vacation from your work.

Finally, thank your employer and supervisor for their cooperation, and let them know their support in arranging schedules to fit your Reserve duty is appreciated by both you and the 917th Wing. Another way to thank them is through the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Recognition Program. Nomination forms are available in our PA office as well as on the internet (http://www.ncesgr), and they take only seconds to complete. Going the extra mile with your employer will pay huge dividends down the road.

Chaplain's Corner:

Integrity first...service before self...excellence in all we do.

By Chaplain (Maj.) Bill Willis, Sr.

The core values of the Air Force climax with "excellence in all we do." We are encouraged to develop a passion for improvement and innovation in all areas including product/service excellence, personal excellence, community excellence, resources excellence and operations excellence.

Spiritually we are often encouraged to strive for excellence for our God. The apostle Paul introduces the famous "love" chapter, I Corinthians 13, with these words: "So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

As we serve our country through the Air Force Reserve, faithfully practicing and promoting its core values, may we also renew our commitments to the core values of our God.

In brief

Supplies available for pickup

These items were back-ordered by reservists over the last 120 days and need to be picked up as soon as possible. Listed below are the first five letters of the persons name and the items awaiting pickup:

Brigh BDU jacket
Flore Ear defenders
Frank BDU jacket liner
Johns Ear defenders
Johns Liner, gortex
King BDU jacket liner

Parka Headset
Parne Liner, gortex
Reser Liner, gortex

Golf tournament scheduled for September

The Commander's Cup Golf Tournament is scheduled for September 11. The tournament will be a shotgun start, four person scramble. Tee off time is 2 p.m. The cost per player is \$ 20 which will include golf cart, dinner, door prizes and drinks.

Participants can sign up with any committee member: Jessica D'Aurizio (Public Affairs), Steve Lindberg (Supply),

Tom Smith (93rd Maintenance), Randy Salee (Command Post) or Allen Atkins (Quality Assurance). Each person will be responsible for paying their green fees at the pro shop before the tournament begins. Also participants must arrive at work that morning at 6 a.m. to start their work day.

Following the tournament, a dinner will be served at the clubhouse with prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Last Places, Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin and Most Accurate Drive. Door prizes will also be given at this time.

Computer classes offered

Computer classes will continue to be offered on Saturdays and Sundays of the main UTA's.

The class schedule is as follows:

August and September:

Sat. 9-11 a.m. Outlook 98
Sat. 1-3 p.m. Intro. to Word 97
Sun. 9-11 a.m. Intro. to Powerpoint 97

No classes in October

November:

Sat. 9-11 a.m. Frontpage 98 Sat. 9-11 a.m. Word 97 Sat. 1-3 p.m. Access 97

Sun. 9-11 a.m. Intro. to Computers

No classes in December

Classes for the alternate UTA's are as follows:

September:

Sat. 9-11 a.m. Word 97 Sat. 1-3 p.m. Power Point 97

November:

Sat. 9-11 a.m. Intro. to Computers

Sat. 1-3 p.m. Access 97

To register, contact Senior Master Sgt. Margaret Mayweather at 456-9859.

Flightline driving classes start

A flightline drivers training class will now be held at 1 p.m., Sunday of each primary UTA. This will help all 917th personnel in getting the flightline drivers training that is required at Barksdale. The class will start the August UTA.

The training will be held in the 917 LSS training room (Bldg. 6825, Rm. 243) and will last approximately one hour. For more information contact Senior Master Sgt. Norm Hustead at 456-9411.

East gate opens for UTA

The east gate will be open on a trial basis through September. The gate will only be opened from 6 -7 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday of the main UTA to monitor the amount of traffic that would

What Air Expeditionary Force means to pe you

by Airman 1st Class Shannon Collins Public Affairs Apprentice

The Air Force Reserve seeks volunteers for Europe and Middle East deployments.

"The Air Force Reserve Command presently has planned deployment requirements and needs long term volunteers to operate out of locations in Europe and the Middle East," Maj. Gen. James Sherrard III, Commander of the Air Force Reserve Command, stated in a June 7th memorandum. "These deployments are scheduled to start in October."

"AF Reserve members being ordered to active duty in support of the Air Expeditionary Force will be placed on Military Personnel Appropriation orders," Sherrard said. "Members may request in advance that this tour be substituted for their annual tour."

Sherrard further stated, commanders having a need for reservists to perform an annual tour, in addition to the AEF deployment, may do so only as a voluntary action. AEF volunteers will deploy for a minimum of 15 days in country.

"Active participation in the Air Force Reserve will change dramatically with AEF implementation," said Senior Master Sgt. Jack Bivens, 917th Wing Plans superintendent.

"There will be an on-going requirement for overseas and

some Continental United States deployments. Reservists will have to plan on participating in AEF deployments," he said. "The 917th Wing will be tasked to fill Expeditionary Combat Support, formerly referred to as Base Operating Support, requirements when our B-52's are tasked for global power missions in 2000."

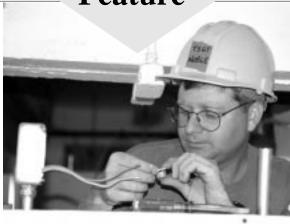
The 917th Wing will probably not stay at Barksdale with the B-52's during AEF Cycle 2, Rotation 7 period sometime next year, Bivens said. "If you possess the AFSC, meet the AEF training requirements, and have approval from your supervisors, you may volunteer for AEF requirements," he said. "The longer the period you are available to volunteer, the better your chances of being selected to deploy.

"You will undoubtedly hear more about AEF requirements in the future," Bivens said. "Reserve participation is changing. With this change, there will be more opportunity to deploy overseas and actively participate in total force mission accomplishment. If this travel or "sharpening" of your wartime skills interests you, please follow through and volunteer to support AEF."

"The AEF is a relatively new concept where the wartime planners can source requirements to various parts of the world in a fast, expedient and timely manner," said Lt. Col. Robert Timm, 917th Wing Plans director. "For the real world, it's going to be (AEF continued on page 7)

Feature













Top Left: Staff Sgt. Robert Attaway, cuts a 2 x 4 piece of wood for a door frame at Patrick AFB, Fla. Top Right: Tech. Sgt. Randy Noble, wires lighting and receptacle circuits for a building on Patrick AFB. Bottom Left: Chief Master Sgt. Larry Payne, 917MS, smooths out the cement for the AGE pad at Pope AFB. Bottom Middle: King, solders a connection to copper tubing for the

plumbing system at the Pope AFB VOQ. Bottom Middle: Tech. Sgt. John Vaughn, power pro, puts in the correct drill bit for fasteners used on a brick wall at the Pope AFB VOQ. Bottom Right: Tech. Sgt. Charlie Everett, structures scribes a mark for a window molding.

officers' quarters to the newer Air Force (**Engineers** continued on page 4) (**Engineers** continued from page 1) standards. We also augmented their power production shop."

The Patrick team was busy as well. "We removed partitions, built a secure T-Net and training room, and demolished a shower unit and semi-office to make an office," said Senior Master Sgt. Charles Hensley, HVAC superintendent and NCOIC of Operations at Patrick. "Then,

we took a vacant room where they had a wooden wall, took it down, put up metal studs and built three offices. Next, we built a secure mailroom."

The structural part was only half of the work. According to Master Sgt. Alan Reger, electrical supervisor, the engineers also installed lights and receptacles, telephone lines and air conditioner ducts.

"We help out all of the time. Anytime somebody else needs us to come up and do something, we're more than willing to lend a hand," Reger said. We'll do painting, floating, taping, whatever is needed to get the project done. That is what we're here for.

"We want to have a satisfied customer," he continued. "It's not like we're stuck in our own distinct career field. We're broad-based enough where we've got carpentry, plumbing and painting skills."

"Rrrreeeerrr, bang, ssst, clang," the tools continue to yell at a steady pace. The duty day is over, but the CE airmen are still hard at work.

TopSTAR aims high for Air Force medics









Twenty-one members of the 917th Medical Squadron had an opportunity to refresh their skills at the Top Sustainment Training to Advance Readiness (TopSTAR) program. TopSTAR, conducted at Wilford Hall Medical Center, Texas, helps sustain the standards of basic medical skills for Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard and active duty medical personnel. "Many of the Reserve Forces personnel are not in the medical field in their civilian jobs and keeping their medical skills up to standard is a challenge," Maj. Guy Monson, TopSTAR officer-in-charge, said.

Fans to cool the elderly

Ms. Hazel Gay, activity director for the Bossier Council on Aging, accepts fans from Master Sgt. Jorge Feliciano, 917th Logistics Squadron. He collected fans throughout the 917th Wing for donation to the Council. Fans are collected from businesses throughout the area at the beginning of the hot season. Senior citizens then call in from throughout the parish area requesting a fan to keep them cool.

(Top left) Staff Sgt. Retrina Newton, a medical services attendant, practices suturing an arm wound on a mannequin. (Top right) Staff Sgt. Rebel Hester, a medical services attendant, intubates and artificially breathes for a mannequin. TopSTAR mannequins are no dummies. "They have simulated wounds of all kinds...and some have internal computers which provide realistic heart and breathing sounds," Monson said. (Bottom left) Tech. Sgt. Aunshell White (left) assists Capt. Corine Barral-Jones in starting an IV on a mannequin patient. (Bottom right) Capt. Beverly Lewis prepares to insert a nasal tube into a mannequin while Newton looks on.



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Voices: What has been your biggest hurdle to completing Profession Military Education?



Master Sqt. Ken Potter 917th Maintenance Squadron

"My biggest hurdle will be completing Course 8, because it is so important to becoming a better NCO."



Staff Sgt. Wendell Bandy 917th Medical Squadron

"I have already completed all requirements inresidence. I highly recommend it because experiences are hands on, not just reading about it."



Senior Airman Robert Stewart 47th Fighter Squadron

"Lack of time to actually study. You get a little time here and there, but not much."



Airman 1st Class Photina

917th Services Squadron

"Designating time to do CDC's is my biggest hurdle, because I'm in college full time."



Master Sqt. Meydon Lymbery



Master Sgt. Meydon Lymbery from the 917th Maintenance Squadron, has been selected as the Unit Career Advisor of the Year.

Tech. Sgt. Tony Rodriguez, Jr., of the 917th

Medical Squadron,



Tech. Sgt. Tony Rodriguez, Jr.

save the life of a retiree in a Stephenville, Texas, Bowling Center. Rodriquez brought the retiree back around by performing chest compressions and mouth to mouth when he fell to the ground unconscious.

Master Sgt. John Hayes and Mrs. Cynthia Pennington, husband and mother, pin on bars on newly commissioned 2nd Lt. Tambra Hayes of the 917th Medical Squadron.

Promotions

Major

Edsel Frye, Jr. **Christoper Conte** Thomas Cruzan Michael Driscoll Bobby Holland David Knesek John Schulte Alan Teauseau Tony Wrzesinski Neel McSwain

Americo Caixeiro Peter Costas Jerry Deemer, Jr. Michael Gibbons Eric Jones Beverly Lewis Jeffrey Stogsdill David Webb Ken Wysywany Corine Barral-Jones

Master Sergeant

Jackie Davis Raymond Gallaher Randall Henley Anthony Mosery **Bobby Tucker**

Technical Sergeant

Joseph Ball David Beitler Michael Nielsen James Ransom Michael Campbell Lenny Dean Terry Peek Gene Watkins

Staff Sergeant

Roddrick Bratton Louis Hereford Troy Jones

Marian Gilliam Sherre Holmes Robert Stewart

Senior Airman

Marilyn Allen Cato Hagger III John Hood Marshall Love II Eric Risner

Joshua Campbell Brian Helmick John Lincavage Tammy Morris Michael Root

Torrance Thomas

Airman First Class

David Finley Latasha Mitchell

Airman

Fabia Coleman



2Lt. Tambra Hayes

Air Force raises flying training age limit

WASHINGTON (**AFPN**) — The Air Force is raising flying training age limits in an effort to increase opportunities for otherwise qualified candidates. This is the first change of this type in 45 years.

The change raises the age limit for applicants for pilot and navigator training from 27 and a half to 30 years of age and less than five commissioned years of service. This policy is effective with the fiscal 2000 flying training boards which meet Oct. 26-29.

The age limit, which has been 27, plus or minus half a year, since 1953, is being lifted to broaden the pool of qualified applicants. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael E. Ryan emphasized the policy change is not because of a shortage of qualified applicants.

In a time when all of the armed forces are experiencing challenges with recruiting, officials say the Air Force continues to benefit from a large number of extremely qualified applicants who are willing to sign up for 10-year active-duty commitments in exchange for highly coveted Air Force pilot training.

"The age limit is being raised to provide maximum opportunity for otherwise qualified candidates," said Ryan. "It will increase the pool of highly motivated applicants who, for various reasons, started their Air Force careers slightly later in life, and allow the Air Force to pick the best of that group.

"We have incorporated multiple

contributing factors to arrive at an age which provides the maximum opportunity for outstanding candidates while ensuring that Air Force medical, safety, rated management, and warfighting standards are met," he said.

This policy will affect Reserve Officer Training Corps, Officer Training School, prior-enlisted, and late-rated candidates — those who serve more than one year as a commissioned officer in a non-rated Air Force specialty.

The Air Force Academy, which requires graduation by 26 years of age, will be unaffected by this policy change.

"The new age limits allow priorenlisted and OTS candidates an additional two and one-half years to fulfill requirements and become competitive," said Ryan. "For late-rated personnel, the new age restriction will allow people to complete their initial commitment for their previous training, and still compete for flying training slots."

Lt. Gen. Donald L. Peterson, deputy chief of staff of personnel, added that while there will still be a waiver process for those not meeting the new requirements, commanders will play an increased role in the waiver review process.

"Since there are a large number of qualified applicants who meet the new criteria, commanders will justify why supporting a waiver candidate over the many other qualified candidates who are under 30 years of age and five years of commissioned service is in the best interest of the Air Force," said Peterson.

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(AEF continued from page 3) anything from intelligence build-up, 90 days notice or three days notice," he said. "But, for the AEF exercises, we will know a year from now where we are going, how long we're going to be there, what base and how many people."

In other words, AEFs put the right force in the right place at the right time. The AEFs are composed of multiple units, geographically separated but operationally linked, on call up to 90 days at a time for deployments worldwide. Ten AEFs will make up the Expeditionary Aerospace Force. Each will include a package of fighters, bombers, tankers, tactical airlift, radar and electronic-warfare aircraft, along with space, intelligence, surveillance and recon-

naissance assets, with a complement of support people. Each AEF will move through a regular rotational cycle of training, deployment work-ups, being on-call for deployment and stand-down. Units attached to AEFs will be available for a fixed period of about every 15 months. Commanders will decide who deploys and who remains at home station during the deployment window of each AEF. (Excerpted from Air Force Reserve Memorandum)

If deploying to Europe or the Middle East interests you, please contact a 917th Wing plans representative at 456-9652 to volunteer or place your name on a volunteer list. You will need to specify when you are available and where you would like to go.

SERVICES

917th Military Personnel Flight

Bldg. 6803, Room 140, ext. 9205 Saturday

7 - 11 a.m. - Newcomers in-processing. 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. -All customer service functions (open during lunch)

Sunday

7 - 8 a.m. - Closed for training. 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - All customer service functions (open during lunch) 2:30 - 4 p.m. - Closed for training.

NOTE: Customer Service Functions include in & out processing, ID cards, DEERS, DD93s, SGLI, Vehicle Decals, Record Reviews, etc.

Base Billeting

Bldg. 5155, 456-3091/3092

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week (reservations required).

Chaplain

Bldg. 6803, Room 239, 456-9179 Saturday & Sunday - 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Red River Dining Hall

Bldg. 4631

Breakfast - 5:30 - 6:30a.m. Lunch MS - 11 - 1 47FS - 11:45 WG - 11 MSS - 11:45 93 BS - 11:15

CES - 12 SPS - 12:15

Shuttle service to the dining hall runs every 20 minutes starting at 11 a.m.. Pick-up points are Bldg. 6850 and Bldg. 6825 (northeast side of Bldg. 6803)

NOTE: You must show ID card, newcomer's letter or DD form 1172.

Family Readiness Center

Bldg. 4713

Saturday & Sunday - 8 - 11 a.m.

Military drivers license

Military drivers license issue is available on the main UTA in bldg. 6825, Rm. 240. Issue hours are as follows:

Saturday 10 a.m. - noon Sunday noon - 2 p.m.

Lodging

For information on official or space A lodging call 1-888-AF-LODGE. Once the automated system answers, key in the first three letters of the base you are trying to reach.

Military Pay

UTA hours of operation: Sat. 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sun. 1 p.m. -5:30 p.m.

917th Wing Training Schedule

		August UTA 7-8	
Time	Event	Location	Participants
Saturday			-
0600	UTA prayer breakfast	Red River Inn Dining Hall	Everyone welcome
0630-0700	Sign in	Assigned unit	Personnel assigned
0700	Wing staff meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105	All unit commanders
0700	Short fly physicals	Flight surgeon's office	Flyers
0700-0830	Intro all newcomers	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227 (auditorium)	All newcomers
0730-0800	Physicals	Inside base hospital foyer	See phys exam monitor
0700-1000	Body fat measurements	Base hospital, Family practice clinic	- •
0700-1030	Immunizations	Base hospital	
0800-1000	Chem. Warfare Refresher	Hanger 7	As scheduled
0900	Anti-terrorism training	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227	Everyone welcome
0900	OJT training mtg.	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 123	Unit training monitors
0900-1100	Intro. to Access 97	Base education	Scheduled personnel
0930, 1030 & 1330	Family readiness briefing	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 17	As scheduled
1000	First sergeants meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105	First sergeants
1000	Unit deploy. managers	Bldg. 6803, Rm 227	As assigned
1200-1430	Immunizations	307th RED HORSE	All welcome
1300	Wing safety training	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227	Unit safety reps.
1300-1500	Intro. to Word 97	Base education	Scheduled personnel
1550-1615	Sign-out 1550 CES, M	ISS, WG 1600 LG	1610MS
<u>Sunday</u>			
0630-0700	Sign in	Assigned Unit	Personnel assigned
0800	Initial CW training	Hanger 7	Scheduled personnel
0800	Human Relations	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227	As needed
0800-1200	EO 2000	Bldg. 4714, 3rd Floor	As needed
0830 & 1230	EOC testing	Bldg. 4314, 3rd floor (by Burge	er King) Scheduled by unit
0900	Substance Abuse	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227	As needed
0900	Unit advisory council	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105	Unit representative
0900	Catholic Mass	Base Chapel 2	Everyone welcome
0900		Bldg. 4714, conference room	Assigned personnel
0900-1100	Introduction to Excel 97	Base education	Scheduled personnel
1000	UPAR training	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105	Assigned personnel
1015-1100		Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227 (auditorium)	Everyone welcome
1030	Family readiness briefing	•	As scheduled
1300	Eyeglass inserts	Bldg. 4845 (opposite main entrance to base hospital)	
1300	Flightline drivers training	_	All welcome
1400	SORTS meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105	Unit commanders
1500	Wing commanders call	Bldg. 6825 (A-10 Hanger)	All personnel
1550-1615	Sign-out 1550 CES, M	ISS, WG 1600 LS	1610 MS

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Aug. 7-8 Sep. 11-12 Oct. 2-3 Nov. 6-7 Dec. 4-5 Jan. 8-9 Feb. 5-6 Mar. 4-5 Apr. 1-2 May 6-7	Aug. 14-15 Sep. 18-19 Oct. 16-17 Nov. 20-21 Dec. 11-12 Jan. 22-23 Feb. 12-13 Mar. 11-12 Apr. 8-9 May 20-21	OFFICIAL BUSINESS Penalty for Private Use \$300	U.S. POSTAGE PAID SHREVEPORT, LA PERMIT NO. 118	



